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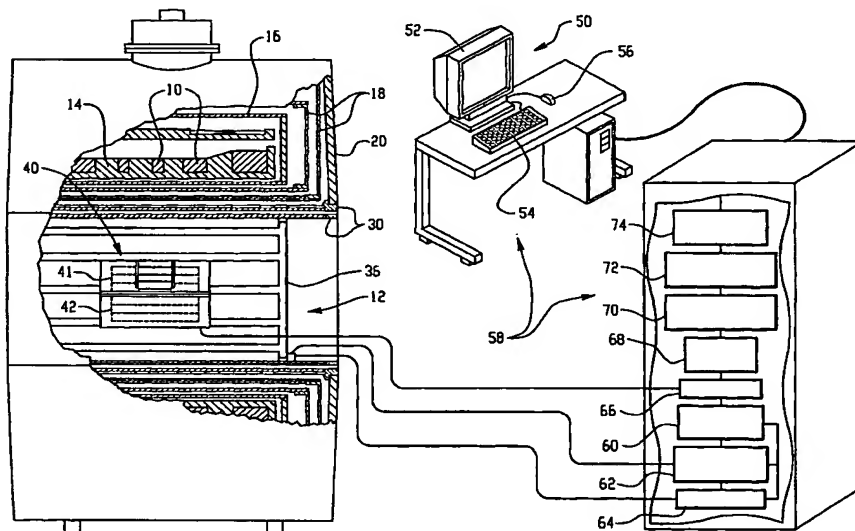
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(57) Abstract: A split-top RF coil is provided. The split-top RF coil includes a first housing (80) having a first RF coil portion (41) disposed therein and a second housing (84) having a second RF coil portion (42) disposed therein. A plurality of slides (100) are disposed on at least one of the housings and a plurality of slide tracks (101) are disposed on the housing opposite the slides for receiving the slides. The first and second housings are mechanically coupled via the slides and slide tracks. The RF coil also includes a plurality of electric connector pins (110) disposed on at least one of the housings and a plurality of pin receivers (111) disposed on the housing opposite the pins for receiving the conductor pins. Electric connections between the first and second coil RF coil portions are made via the pins and receivers.